REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12, 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Those are product claims and have been canceled.

Claims 1-7, 10 and 11 were the only method claims remaining in the application. They have been indicated as allowable. With the cancellation of the rejected claims and the indication of allowability of the method claims, allowance of remaining claims 1-7, 10 and 11 is requested.

This is a final Office Action, but Applicant has complied with all requirements in connection with the application, has canceled the only rejected claims leaving only the allowable claims. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment and allowance of the remaining claims is requested.

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